Claim 6, line 1, change "claims 1-5" to --claim 1--. Claim 8, line 1, change "claims 1-6" to --claim 1--. Claim 9, line 1, charge "claims 1-8" to --claim 1--. Claim 10, line 1, change "claims 1-9" to --claim 1--. Claim 12, line 1, change "claims 1-11" to --claim 1--. Claim 14, line 1, change "claims 1-13" to --claim 1--. Claim 15, line 1, change "claims 1-14" to --claim 1--. Claim 16, line 1, change "claims 1-15" to --claim 1--. Claim 17, line 1, change "claims 1-15" to --claim 1--. Claim 18, line 1, change "claims 1-5 and 17" to --claim 1--. Claim 19, line 1, change "claims 1-18" to --claim 1--. Claim 20, line 1, change "claims 1-19" to --claim 1--. Claim 21, line 1, change "claims 1-19" to --claim 1--. Claim 22, line 1, change "claims 1-19 and 21" to --claim 1--. Claim 23, line 1, change "any of the previous claims" to --claim 1--. Claim 25, line 1, change "the previous claims" to --claim 1--. Claim 30, line 1, change "claims 28 and 29" to --claim 28--.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to remove all multiple dependent claims to avoid the surcharge.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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